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MICHAEL D. VARNEY
JOSEPH E. WEHR

REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2010 MINUTES

Members Present: R. Clements-Chairman, M. Joyse, B. Pinto, M. Varney, J. Wehr

Members Absent: R. Cleary

Others Present: N. DiCorleto-Finance Officer, M. Blanchette-First Selectmen and
Selectman Prichard

1. Call to Order

Chairman Robert Clements called the meeting to order at 8:03 PM.

2. Citizen's Forum

Chairman Clements told the Board that the First Selectman has requested that the following be added to the agenda:

MOVED (PINTO) SECONDED (WEHR) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADD TO THE AGENDA UNDER ITEM 5 - POSSIBLE FY 2009-10 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AS OF 12/31/09.

3. Approval of Minutes

MOVED (WEHR) SECONDED (JOYSE) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 8, 2009 AS WRITTEN.

MOVED (JOYSE) SECONDED (VARNEY) AND PASSED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF DECEMBER 22, 2009 AS WRITTEN. PINTO ABSTAINED.

4. Financial Statements

The Finance Officer stated that he is working on the audit and there are no financial statements to review this month. He told the Board that all problems with the phone switch over to One

Communications have been resolved. He also stated that apparently AT&T is trying to get out of the business accounts so this was probably a good although difficult move.

He told the Board that 14 employees have signed up for the high deductible Health Savings Account and that the Town has front loaded their accounts. This was done after consulting with the labor attorney. The vendor providing the disability insurance will now be Anthem. They have given the Town an additional 2% deduction on the health insurance premium for switching over to Anthem for disability.

He stated that the Town Attorney has signed the lease for the Crystal Lake Fire Engine and payment will be made so that the truck can begin its journey across country to be outfitted.

5. Additional Appropriation/Recommendation to Town Meeting

The Finance Officer passed out a memo outlining two accounts that are over budget at this time and may need additional appropriations at the end of the fiscal year. At this time, the memo is for information purposes only and will be attached to the minutes.

Account 331 Police Special Duty is \$34,666 over budget but there is \$41,710 that shows under revenues for this account. The exact amount will not be determined until June 30. The question of whether to appropriate additional funds to this account now to avoid the necessity for a town meeting was discussed. However, First Selectman Blanchette stated that per the Town Charter, the amount is cumulative to \$40,000 so there would not be any advantage to doing it now. He stated that this was not the purpose of this information provided.

The Finance Officer will identify the revenues on the financial statements that the Board of Finance receives in the future.

Account 1060 Building Demolition/Evictions is over budget by \$22,426 due to the demolition of the Miner property at 70 and 76 South Rd. The Board of Selectmen anticipates combining these two lots and selling them to offset this item.

Mr. Varney asked that the memos be numbered to keep track of all future information regarding accounts that the Board will receive.

6. New Business

Robert Clements passed out copies of a letter to Senators Guglielmo and LeBeau and Representative Graziani from the Superintendent of Schools inviting them to attend the January 20 meeting of the Board of Education to discuss issues in the upcoming legislative session. Mr. Clements told the members that they are welcome to attend this meeting also.

Mr. Clements also passed out copies of a letter to the Finance Officer from the Superintendent of Schools outlining the increase of Hartford students through the Open Choice Program. The Superintendent's request is that the funds that come to the Town of Ellington for these tuitions go directly into this account to fund it. Mr. Blanchette suggested that a vote be taken to move

the funds through perpetually as they come in. The Finance Office stated that he could treat it the same as the excess cost sharing from the State.

7. Old Business

Mr. Wehr brought up an article from the Hartford Courant regarding towns changing over from a defined pension benefit to a defined contribution system. The Finance Officer told him that the Board of Education and the Department of Public Works are under a defined pension benefit through MERF. The rest of the Town employees are under a defined contribution which is not a liability for the town. Mr. Wehr will provide Mr. DiCorleto with a copy of the article.

Adjournment

**MOVED (WEHR) SECONDED (JOYSE) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO
ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:50 PM.**

Respectfully submitted:


Lori Smith, Recording Clerk

Date: January 4, 2010
To: Maurice W. Blanchette, First Selectman
From: Nicholas J. DiCorleto, Jr., Finance Officer/Treasurer *NJD*
Re: Fiscal Year Budget 2009-10, Additional Appropriations
December 31, 2009

Reviews of the Fiscal Year Budget 2009-10, two departments are in need of additional appropriations as of December 31, 2009: 331 Police Special Duty, and 1060 Building Demolition/Evictions.

331 Police Special Duty

Budget	\$ 20,000
Expended (12/31/09)	\$ 54,666
Balance	\$(34,666)

Revenues so of 12/31/09 \$41,710

This account records the hours worked by the Police Department performing traffic duty for contractors working along roads in town. The Police Department then invoices the contractors for payments, which are recorded in the revenue account for Police Special Duty. There is a time lag between expenditure and reimbursement.

Depending on construction activity during the fiscal year, the exact amount of additional appropriation is not known until June 30, 2010.

1060 Building Demolition/Evictions

Budget	\$ 10,000
Expended (12/31/09)	\$ 32,426
Balance	\$(22,426)

Revenue account Budget is \$5,000

This account records for Building Demolitions that are required for the health and safety reasons. The town had to demolition a building at 70 and 76 South Road. It is the plan of the Board of Selectmen to combine the two parcels into one building lot.

Upon sale of this building lot, the town should recoup the expenditures and then some.

Addl appropriation 12-31-09